

## **FEI WBFSH Dressage World Breeding Championship for Young Horses Guidelines**

Effective from 1 January 2021

### **I. GENERAL:**

1. The FEI WBFSH World Breeding Dressage Championship for Young Horses will be organised under FEI Rules in cooperation with the World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses (WBFSH). Entries can only be made by NFs but the selection procedure shall be decided upon by the respective NF in close cooperation with the WBFSH member studbook(s) in the respective country.

Minimum Eligibility Requirement (MER) to be achieved as a combination horse-athlete:

- 5 and 6 year old horses: a total score of minimum 75%
- 7 year old horses: a total score of minimum 70%

This score must be obtained minimum once at a CDIYH or at an appropriate Young Horse competition at a CDN or according to National selection criteria in the calendar year of the Championship.

The result obtained at a CDN or through National selection has to be confirmed with the nominated entries. NFs are responsible for ensuring that the level of national tests used at the National selection to obtain the MER is equivalent to the level of the FEI tests for 5, 6 and 7 year old horses.

Horses can only participate in the selection procedure of one NF.

It's the responsibility of the athlete and owner to ensure that the selection procedure in which they participate offers the possibility to be selected and entered for this Championship.

### **2. Horse's Entries:**

- a. NFs that have WBFSH member studbook(s) in their country: These NFs receive for each age category a quota that is decided in close co-operation between WBFSH and FEI for horses which have been registered with a Unique Equine Life Number (UELN) in this specific member studbook(s) of the country originally at birth. The age of Horses is counted from 1st January of the year of birth (1st August for Horses born in the Southern Hemisphere – if the Championships takes place after 1<sup>st</sup> August, Horses born in the Southern Hemisphere will compete in the age category in which they qualified).The quota distribution for each age category is as follows:

- Germany: 7
- The Netherlands: 6
- Denmark: 4
- Sweden: 4

All other NFs that have WBFSH member studbook(s) in their country may enter up to two horses in each age category that have to be registered with a Unique Equine Life Number (UELN) in this specific member studbook(s) of the country originally at birth. Only in the event that an above mentioned NF has no horse registered in the member studbook(s) of their country that obtained the MER defined in the present guidelines during the selection procedure of that NF, this NF is allowed to enter a foreign bred horse on the condition that the foreign studbook of origin gives its approval and the athlete is not a foreign athlete.

The list of the WBFSH member studbooks and their country is available on the WBFSH website: <https://www.wbfs.com/studbook-members>

- b. NFs that have no WBFSH member studbook(s) in their country: These NFs may enter up to one horse in each age category. These horses have to be registered as foals in a WBFSH member studbook and this studbook needs to give its approval.

### 3. Athlete's Entries:

The FEI General Regulations apply. As an exception to the FEI General Regulations, NFs may enter foreign athletes provided the athlete's own NF approves.

- 4. In the Final competition of each age category, no NF may have more horses than the number of places originally allocated under 2.a and 2.b.
- 5. Each athlete may start a maximum of two horses in each age category.

## **II. ENTRIES:**

All entry deadlines will be clearly stated in the approved schedule (Nominated, Definite and Last date for Substitution).

All entries must be submitted and processed via the FEI Entry System.

NFs are responsible to ensure that all data concerning Studbook, Sire, Sire of Dam, Breeder and Owner are correctly stated in the FEI database for the concerned horses, before the closing date of nominated entries are made in the FEI Entry System. The above-listed specific information is compulsory.

All nominated NFs must inform the FEI before the closing date of nominated entries if they have foreign athlete(s) competing under their own quota, in order to avoid any confusion in the number of nominated horses entered and/or nominated NFs.

It is recommended that the OC defines the definite entry deadline by taking into consideration the national selection trials of WBFSH member studbooks.

### **III. JUDGES:**

#### Rotation of Judges & administrative review

The OC shall, in close cooperation with the FEI and WBFSH, establish a judge's rotation system for the various competitions. The administrative review shall take place on the evening before the 1<sup>st</sup> competition, attended by all Ground Jury members and with the full set-up of judging equipment (head-sets etc).

Competition 1: Qualifier 5-year-old horses: (Suggested time per horse: 8 min)  
President + 3 Members.

(Two judges sitting at C, two sitting at E). No commentary on the qualifying test.

Competition 4: Qualifier 6-year-old horses: (Suggested time per horse: 8 min)  
President + 3 Members.

(Two judges sitting at C, two sitting at E). No commentary on the qualifying test.

Competition 7: Qualifier 7-year-old horses: (Suggested time per horse: 8 min)  
President + 4 Members.

President and second Judge are sitting at C and a third Ground Jury Member at E judging only the quality of the horse by using a joint scoring method connected by headsets. The other two Ground Jury Members are individually judging only the technical execution of the test, one sitting at H and the other at B, but neither connected among each other nor connected to the judges at C and E (C/B and M/E also possible). The quality of the horse and the technical execution of the test shall be weighted each with 50% towards the end result. No commentary on the qualifying test. The Athletes may choose to use a snaffle bridle or a double bridle.

Competition 2: Small Final 5-year-old horses: (Suggested time per horse: 10 min)  
President + 3 Members (including one Commentator Judge).

(Two judges sitting at C – one of them being the commentating judge, two sitting at E).

Competition 5: Small Final 6-year-old horses: (Suggested time per horse: 10 min)  
President + 3 Members (including one Commentator Judge).

(Two judges sitting at C – one of them being the commentating judge, two sitting at E).

Competition 8: Small Final 7-year-old horses: (Suggested time per horse: 10 min)  
President + 4 Members (including one Commentator Judge).

President and Commentating Judge are sitting at C and a third Ground Jury Member at E judging only the quality of the horse by using a joint scoring method connected by headsets. The other two Ground Jury Members are individually judging only the technical execution of the test, one sitting at H and the other at B, but neither connected among each other nor connected to the judges at C and E (C/B and M/E also possible). The quality of the horse and the technical execution of the test shall be weighted each with 50% towards the end result. A comment about the quality of the horse will be given by the Commentating Judge for all horses after the test. The Athletes may choose to use a snaffle bridle or a double bridle.

Competition 3: Final 5-year-old horses: (Suggested time per horse: 10 min)  
President + 3 Members (including one Commentator Judge).  
(Two judges sitting at C – one of them being the commentating judge, two sitting at E).

Competition 6: Final 6-year-old horses: (Suggested time per horse: 10 min)  
President + 3 Members (including one Commentator Judge).  
(Two sitting at C – one of them being the commentating judge, two sitting at E).

Competition 9: Final 7-year-old horses: (Suggested time per horse: 10 min)  
President + 4 Members (including one Commentator Judge).  
President and Commentating Judge are sitting at C and a third Ground Jury Member at E judging only the quality of the horse by using a joint scoring method connected by headsets. The other two Ground Jury Members are individually judging only the technical execution of the test, one sitting at H and the other at B, but neither connected among each other nor connected to the judges at C and E (C/B and M/E also possible). The quality of the horse and the technical execution of the test shall be weighted each with 50% towards the end result. A comment about the quality of the horse will be given by the Commentating Judge for all horses after the test. The Athletes may choose to use a snaffle bridle or a double bridle.

#### **IV. COMPETITIONS:**

##### COMPETITION No 1

CH-M-YH-D - Qualifying Competition - 5-year-old horses

Test: Test for 5-year-old horses - Preliminary

Number of horses per athlete: max 2

Open to: All 5-year-old horses with accepted entry (NF quota).

The 12 best athlete/horse combinations acc. to scores directly qualify for the Final (competition 3). The remaining athlete/horse combinations qualify for the Small Final (competition 2) acc. to their scores.

Starting order: by draw acc. to Art. 425.2

## COMPETITION No 2

CH-M-YH-D - Small Final - 5-year-old horses

Test: Test for 5-year-old horses - Preliminary  
Number of horses per athlete: max. 2  
Open to: and compulsory for those not qualified for the Final. However, the athlete/horse combinations must have completed competition 1 without having retired, withdrawn or being eliminated.  
The three best athletes acc. to scores from this competition will qualify for the Final (competition 3).  
Starting order: by draw acc. to Art. 425.2

## COMPETITION No 3

CH-M-YH-D - Final - 5-year-old horses

Test: Test for 5-year-old horses - Final  
Number of horses per athlete: max 2  
Open to: and compulsory for the 12 best athlete/horse combinations acc. to scores from competition 1 (Qualifier), including those tied for the 12<sup>th</sup> place as well as the three best athlete/horse combinations acc. to scores from competition 2 (Small Final), including those tied for the 3<sup>rd</sup> place.  
Starting order: draw in groups of five:  
Group 1 (athlete/horse combinations who have qualified through the Small Final and athlete/horse combinations who are placed 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> in the qualifying competition,  
Group 2 (athlete/horse combinations who are placed 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> in the qualifying competition,  
Group 3 (athlete/horse combinations who are placed 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> in the qualifying competition.  
Group 1 has to start first; group 3 has to start last.

#### COMPETITION No 4

CH-M-YH-D - Qualifying Competition - 6-year-old horses

Test: Test for 6-year-old horses - Preliminary  
Number of horses per athlete: max 2  
Open to: All 6-year-old horses with accepted entry (NF quota).  
The 12 best athlete/horse combinations acc. to scores directly qualify for the Final (competition 6). The remaining athlete/horse combinations qualify for the Small Final (competition 5) acc. to their scores.  
Starting order: by draw acc. to Art. 425.2

#### COMPETITION No 5

CH-M-YH-D - Small Final - 6-year-old horses

Test: Test for 6-year-old horses - Preliminary  
Number of horses per athlete: max 2  
Open to: and compulsory for those not qualified for the Final. However, the athlete/horse combinations must have completed competition 4 without having retired, withdrawn or being eliminated.  
The three best athletes acc. to scores from this competition will qualify for the Final (competition 6).  
Starting order: by draw acc. to Art. 425.2

### COMPETITION No 6

CH-M-YH-D - Final - 6-year-old horses

Test: Test for 6-year-old horses – Final  
Number of horses per athlete: max 2  
Open to: and compulsory for the 12 best athlete/horse combinations acc. to scores from competition 4 (Qualifier), including those tied for the 12<sup>th</sup> place as well as the three best athlete/horse combinations acc. to scores from the competition 5 (Small Final), including those tied for the 3<sup>rd</sup> place.  
Starting order: draw in groups of five:  
Group 1 (athlete/horse combinations who have qualified through the Small Final and athlete/horse combinations who are placed 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> in the qualifying competition,  
Group 2 (athlete/horse combinations who are placed 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> in the qualifying competition,  
Group 3 (athlete/horse combinations who are placed 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> in the qualifying competition,  
Group 1 has to start first; group 3 has to start last.

### COMPETITION No 7

CH-M-YH-D - Qualifying Competition - 7-year-old horses

Test: Test for 7-year-old horses - Preliminary  
Number of horses per athlete: max 2  
Open to: All 7-year-old horses with accepted entry (NF quota).  
The 12 best athlete/horse combinations acc. to scores directly qualify for the Final (competition 9). The remaining athlete/horse combinations qualify for the Small Final (competition 8) acc. to their scores. The Athletes may choose to use a snaffle bridle or a double bridle.  
Starting order: by draw acc. to Art. 425.2

### COMPETITION No 8

CH-M-YH-D - Small Final - 7-year-old horses

Test: Test for 7-year-old horses - Preliminary

Number of horses per athlete: max 2

Open to: and compulsory for those not qualified for the Final. However, the athlete/horse combinations must have completed competition 7 without having retired, withdrawn or being eliminated. The Athletes may choose to use a snaffle bridle or a double bridle.

The three best athletes acc. to scores from this competition will qualify for the Final (competition 6).

Starting order: by draw acc. to Art. 425.2

### COMPETITION No 9

CH-M-YH-D - Final - 7-year-old horses

Test: Test for 7-year-old horses - Final

Number of horses per athlete: max 2

Open to: and compulsory for the 12 best athlete/horse combinations acc. to scores from competition 7 (Qualifier), including those tied for the 12<sup>th</sup> place as well as the three best athlete/horse combinations acc. to scores from competition 8 (Small Final), including those tied for the 3<sup>rd</sup> place. The Athletes may choose to use a snaffle bridle or a double bridle.

Starting order: draw in groups of five:

Group 1 (athlete/horse combinations, who have qualified through the Small Final and athlete/horse combinations who are placed 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> in the qualifying competition,

Group 2 (athlete/horse combinations who are placed 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> in the qualifying competition,

Group 3 (athlete/horse combinations who are placed 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> in the qualifying competition,

Group 1 has to start first; group 3 has to start last.



## **V. CLASSIFICATION:**

In all Competitions, the winner is the Athlete having obtained the highest total percentage score, the second placed Athlete is the one with the next highest total percentage score and so on.

Ties: In case of equality of percentage for the first three (3) places, the following system must be used to break the tie: add the marks for "submission" and "perspective" and divide by two; the Athlete/Horse combination with the higher average mark will be ranked highest. If still tied, the "submission" mark will decide. If still tied, the combinations will be equally placed.

## **VI. DRAW FOR FINAL COMPETITIONS:**

The draw for the final competition will be made in groups of five (5) for the starting order.

Draw in groups of five for each final competition:

- Group 1 (athlete/horse combinations who have qualified through the Small Final and athlete/horse combinations who are placed 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> in the qualifying competition,
- Group 2 (athlete/horse combinations who are placed 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> in the qualifying competition,
- Group 3 (athlete/horse combinations who are placed 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> in the qualifying competition.
- Group 1 has to start first; group 3 has to start last.

Should an Athlete have more than one (1) Horse, the order of starting may have to be adjusted to ensure that a gap of at least one (1) hour is left between his horses.

The Technical Delegate in consultation with the President of the Ground Jury of the concerned final competition will decide how to ensure the gap of one (1) hour is respected and the order of go of the Horses as drawn may not be changed.

Whenever possible the first horse as per the order of the draw will move into the next suitable place in the previous group (ie from group 2 to group 1).

In the event that the two horses are in group 1, the horse drawn in the second position for that Athlete will move to the next suitable place in group 2.

## **VII. DISPLAY OF HORSE & ATHLETE DATA:**

The pedigree, studbook of origin, breeder and owner must be published on the starting/result lists and on the scoreboards.

The athlete's information shall be kept to a minimum (i.e. name and nationality).

**VIII. PRICE GIVING CEREMONY:**

The following protocol has been reviewed in 2020 and shall consistently apply, as from 2020, at FEI WBFSH World Breeding Championships for Young Horses in the disciplines of Jumping, Dressage and Eventing and at the FEI World Championships for Young Horses in the disciplines of Endurance and Driving.

This Policy is based on the principle that at FEI Young Horses Championships, the horse is the World Champion and not the human athlete.

Consequently, the following applies:

- FEI-WBFSH Trophy (gold, silver and bronze) engraved with logos of FEI and WBFSH to be offered to the horse owner. If the horse owner is not present in the venue, the athlete must accept it on behalf of the horse owner. The Trophies will be provided by the FEI.
- Small FEI-WBFSH Trophy (gold, silver, bronze) engraved with logos of FEI and WBFSH to be offered to the athlete (text to be: athlete of the winner/second/third of the "FEI WBFSH [discipline] World Championships for Young Horses [year]"). The Trophies will be provided by the FEI.
- The WBFSH can provide recognitions/awards for the Breeder(s). These recognitions/awards will carry the logos of WBFSH and FEI.
- Horse owners and breeder must accompany the placed (or winning) horses or enter on the placed (or winning) carriages in driving. If the horse owner and/or breeder is not present at the venue he/she must be represented by the athlete.
- Horses must enter the arena wearing the blanket, a sash around the horses' neck and a big rosette on the sash at the level of the chest (gold, silver bronze). Blanket, sashes and rosettes applicable if provided by the OC. The correct name of the Championship needs to be included (or embroidered/printed) on the blankets/sashes and rosettes.
- The national flags (no studbook flags) to be used at the prize giving ceremony are the ones of the countries of the studbooks of the first 3 placed horses.
- In addition, it is allowed to hoist the flag of the studbook of the winning horse in addition to the national flag.
- The national anthem to be played is the one of the country of the studbook of the winning horse.
- Longines shall have the right to offer watches to the athletes.
- The organiser shall have the possibility to offer additional recognitions or special prizes (to be agreed in conjunction with the FEI).

**IX. PRIZE GIVING PROTOCOL:**

- Combinations (1-2-3) enter the arena (for driving owner on carriage).
- Pillars left and right (no podium).
- Representatives of FEI, WBFSH and OC are present in Arena.
- Owners and breeders invited to stand next to horse/athlete combination.
- National anthem winner.
- FEI and WBFSH representatives congratulate (owner, breeder, athlete) and hand over the following recognitions together:
  - o Owners receive plate (provided by FEI).
  - o Breeders receive recognition (provided by WBFSH).
  - o Athletes receive plate (provided by FEI).
- Representative of Longines (if applicable) hands over watch to the Athlete(s).
- OC has the possibility to hand over additional recognitions/presents.
- Lap of honour.